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AT 2230 MARCH 4 PARDO LLADA, SPEAKING ON TV CHANNEL 12, WHICH IS GOVERNMENT OPERATED, SAID EXPLOSION WAS ONE OF SERIES OF EVENTS INCLUDING PRESS ATTACKS, AERIAL BOMBING OF HABANA, CANE BURNINGS, ATTEMPTED BOMBING SUGAR CENTRAL ESPANA, BOMBING OF COJIMAR, PROPOSED REDUCTION CUBAN SUGAR QUOTA. IMPLIED U.S. DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH INCIDENT, MENTIONING THAT U.S. INTERESTED IN STOPPING SHIPMENTS ARMAMENTS TO CUBA. FOR SOME TWO HOURS BEFORE APPEARANCE, GOVERNMENTAL RADIO AND TV AND CARRIED REPEATED FLASHES ANNOUNCING APPEARANCE AND ASKING PUBLIC TO LISTEN TO HIS "ORIENTATION OF CUBAN PEOPLE CONCERNING DISASTER".

DAVID SALVADOR, SECRETARY GENERAL CUBAN CONFEDERATION LABOR (CTC) ISSUED STATEMENT EARLY MARCH 5 CALLING FOR GENERAL WORK STOPPAGE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE CALLED EXPLOSION "NEW BARBARITY, NEW AND CRIMINAL ATTACK, THE MOST BRUTAL AND BLOODY BLOW AT OUR PEOPLE SINCE TRIUMPH OF REVOLUTION". HE ADDED "THOSE WHO PROVOKED DEATH AND DESTRUCTION YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ARE THE SAME WHO PERMIT AND ENCOURAGE ACTION OF BOMBERS AGAINST OUR SUGAR CENTRALS AND BURNING OF CANE FIELDS. THEY ARE THOSE WHO GRANT IMMUNITY TO LEAVE AND RETURN TO THEIR TERRITORY TO THOSE WHO BOMB HABANA AND ATTEMPTED TO BOMB CENTRAL ESPANA RECENTLY. THEY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE JUST WELCOMED TO THEIR TERRITORY THE BLOODY PEDRAZA AND THE MYRMIDONS OF THE TYRRANY, WHO FLED THE FIRST OF JANUARY. THEY ARE, IN SUM, THOSE WHO UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTEMPT TO STOP THE HEADLONG ADVANCE OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTION."

SALVADOR ALSO SAID "THE NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL REACTION, AWARE THAT THE EXAMPLE OF THE

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CUBAN REV[illegible] IS THE BANNER OF ALL THE UNDER-DEVELOPED PEOPLES OF LATIN AMERICA, UNLEASH THEIR CRIMINAL FURY AGAINST OUR REVOLUTION, LAUNCHING ALL SORTS OF ATTACKS WHICH RUN FROM CALUMNY, THROUGH THREATS OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, THE CRIMINAL AND DESTRUCTIVE ACTION OF THE BOMBARDMENTS, TO THE REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC AGGRESSION AND THE BARBAROUS ACTION OF YESTERDAY." HE ADDED "THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE CATASTROPHY WAS DUE TO SABOTAGE....CONCEIVED AND ORGANIZED IN THE PORT OF DEPARTURE SO THAT THE EXPLOSION WOULD BE PRODUCED WHEN THE CARGO WAS MOVED IN THE CUBAN PORT.....THIS ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT THE NORTH AMERICAN IMPERIALISTIC FORCES, WHO DIRECT THE WHOLE SERIES OF AGGRESSIONS AGAINST CUBA, AND WHO ATTEMPT TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS THE REBEL ARMY RECEIVING THE ARMAMENTS NECESSARY FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION AND OF OUR SOVEREIGNTY, ONCE THEY ARE OBTAINED IN EUROPE, TRY TO PREVENT THEM FROM REACHING OUR HANDS".

EDITORIAL COLUMN "ZONA REBELDE" IN GOVERNMENTAL DAILY REVOLUCION FOR MARCH 5 IS PARTICULARLY STRONGLY ANTI-AMERICAN. COLUMN READS IN PART: "WAS PROOF LACKING THAT THE INFAMY IS BASED ON THE U.S., UNDER THE PROTECTION AND WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ITS AUTHORITIES? THERE ARE THE PHOTOS AND ARTICLE OF [illegible]".

ARTICLE ADDS: "WAS PROOF LACKING OF THE ECONOMIC AGGRESSION PLANNED IN THE U.S.? THERE IS THE PROPOSAL TO REDUCE OUR SUGAR QUOTA, THE NEW PLATT AMENDMENT CONTAINED IN THE POWERS WHICH WOULD BE GRANTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THAT NATION, TO DISPOSE OF THE QUOTA AT HIS WILL AND WHIM, THE DIFFICULTIES PLACED IN THE WAY OF THE SALE OF OUR MOLASSES IN THE NORTHERN MARKET, AND THE MANY OTHER DIFFICULTIES PLACED IN THE WAY OF BASIC PRODUCTS FOR OUR INDUSTRIAL EFFORTS AND OUR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

"WERE PROOFS LACKING OF THE PROPOSAL FOR CONTINENTAL ISOLATION AND SABOTAGE OF THE CONFERENCE OF UNDER-INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN HABANA? THERE IS THE TRIP OF EISENHOWER, FULL OF THREATS, OF PRESSURES, OF SUSPICIOUS AGREEMENTS.

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CRIMINALS CONTINUE TO ENJOY IN THE U.S.? THERE IS PEDRAZA LANDING WITH THE GREATEST NORMALCY IN NEW YORK, RECEIVED BY THE DESPERATE PROTAGONISTS OF THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION.

"HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THOSE WHO ENCOURAGE SUCH ACTIONS, THAT THOSE WHO KEEP US FROM GETTING AIRCRAFT AND ARMS FOR OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE, THAT THOSE WHO BRING PRESSURE IN ALL THE MARKETS SO THAT THEY DO NOT SELL US THE ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR OUR DEFENSE, COULD BE DISASSOCIATED FROM THE SABOTAGE OF A CARGO OF SUCH NATURE, HONORABLY OBTAINED IN BELGIUM AND DEPOSITED HERE UNDER THE STRICTEST SECURITY CONDITIONS."

"THOSE WHO GUIDE THE PEN WHICH DRAFTS ECONOMIC AGGRESSIONS AND THREATENING STATEMENTS PRONOUNCED BY PRESIDENTS, VICE-PRESIDENTS, CONGRESSMEN, OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN AND A DOCILE PRESS; THOSE WHO GUIDE THE HANDS WHICH SET FIRE TO OUR CANE FIELDS FROM THE AIR AND DROP BOMBS ON OUR SHORES; THOSE WHO SUPPLIED WEAPONS FOR THE CRIMINAL ARMS OF TNELIO SANTANA AND ROBERT ELLIS FROST THOSE WHO OBTAIN AIRPOSTS AND AIRCRAFT FOR THEM AND SUPPORT THE WAR CRIMINALS IN THEIR BARBAROUS UNDERTAKINGS, CAN NOT BE FOREIGN TO THE GENOCIDE OF YESTERDAY, AS THEY WERE NOT AT THE TIME OF THE RAID OF DIAZ LANZ AND FIROINE, WITH ITS TRAGIC LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES"

REFERENCE TO "BOHEMIA" IS TO ARTICLE IN ISSUE OF THAT WEEKLY MAGAZINE FOR MARCH 6, 1960 BY RENE HERNANDEZ, ALLEGEDLY GIVING FACTUAL EXPOSE TOGETHER WITH PICTURES, OF ACTIVITIES IN FLORIDA OF PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS AGAINST CUBA. ARTICLE APPEARS TO BE HIGHLY INACCURATE. FOR EXAMPLE, A PICTURE LABELED AS BEING A B-25 IS ACTUALLY A U.S. NAVY S2F1, A TWIN ENGINE GRUMMAN ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE AIRCRAFT, WITH OFFICIAL NAVY MARKINGS CLEARLY VISIBLE IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.

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